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FOR HEW COORDINATORS

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SUBJECT: UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

FOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM
A MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS SENT FROM HEW TO ALL HEW COORDI-
NATORS TODAY.

2. THE SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE HAS APPROVED 100
PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT TO STATE WELFARE AGENCIES FOR
SERVICES TO UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN.

3. AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED FOR EACH CHILD.
DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH A PLAN MIGHT BE FOR:
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REMAINING IN THE CAMP TEMPORARILY WHEN PARENTS ARE THOUGHT

TO BE ELSEWHERE IN THE REFUGEE STREAM; RESETTLEMENT WITH THE UNRELATED FAMILY WITH WHOM THE CHILD ENTERED THE UNITED STATES; FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT; OR ADOPTION. THE LEGAL QUESTIONS SURROUNDING CHILDREN ARE HIGHLY COMPLEX; THEREFORE, IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE EXERCISED.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST PROCEDURE IS TO SEEK TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCY IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE CAMP IS LOCATED, UNDER .

WHICH THE PUBLIC AGENCY WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES, AS NEEDED, FOR INTERVIEWING, COUNSELING, AND APPROPRIATE PLANNING FOR EACH SUCH CHILD. WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE AGENCY WOULD ARRANGE FOR FOSTER CARE FOR THE CHILD; SUCH CARE WOULD ALSO BE REIMBURSABLE ON A 100 PERCENT BASIS.

5. THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AIDING REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT LEGAL CUSTODY FOR AN UNRELATED CHILD WHO IS WITH A FAMILY GROUP AND THE FAMILY HEAD WANTS TO RETAIN PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THAT CHILD. YOU SHOULD GIVE THIS MATTER PRIORITY ATTENTION IN YOUR WORK ASSIGNMENTS TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCY SO THAT WE CAN ASSIST IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF SUCH FAMILIES WITH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE CHILDREN INVOLVED.

6. MS. GERALDINE E. MCKINNEY OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, SRS, (202-245-9237), HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO SERVE AS LIAISON WITH YOU ON MATTERS REGARDING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN. KISSINGER

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